

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 12 and 14-16 are pending. Claim 12 has been amended to recite "consisting of", and claim 13 has been canceled and rewritten in independent form as claim 16. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 16. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

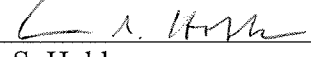
Applicants thank Examiner Carlson for her courtesy and consideration during the telephonic Examiner interview held on October 6, 2009. The substance of the interview is reflected in the amendments above and the present remarks.

Claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over Tanaka et al. with Matejtschuk. It appears to be the Examiner's view that the recitation "consisting essentially of" does not exclude the chromatographic steps. Although applicants disagree, in order to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended to recite "consisting of", clearly excluding chromatographic steps. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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